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by deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 4 of this act as a new part thereto.

SECTION 2. (a) The department of health, in consultation with the board of medical examiners, shall certify the competence of acupuncturists based upon satisfactory completion of its certification process, including acceptable examinations, maintaining competence and professional standards and paying reasonable fees. The department shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations to establish fees for certification, renewal, and examination; to establish standards of practice, qualifications for initial certification, qualifications for renewal of certification; and for any other purpose in the furtherance of this part.

(b) Persons who have not received certification by the department pursuant to this act shall be prohibited from using the term "certified acupuncturist" or a form of such term which indicates such person has received certification from the department. A violation of this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. A certificate is valid for the period set by the department, but the period may not exceed one (1) year. The department shall give notice to all certificate holders of renewal requirements at least sixty (60) days before such certificates are subject to renewal.

SECTION 4. Persons licensed or certified pursuant to title 63 whose scope of practice includes the practice of acupuncture shall be entitled to receive certification from the department without complying with the examination and other requirements prescribed by the department.

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Such persons shall pay a fee set by the department for the costs of issuing and renewing such certification.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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